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STRUCK BY A SHELL

Japanese Troop-Laden Barge Is Shattered by Russians.

SKIRMISH FOUGHT ON THE VALU

Czech Soldiers' Attempt to Harass the Enemy Fails, a Number of Men Being Lost in the Fight—Japanese Plan of Campaign—Movement of Troops—News of the War.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Official dispatches regarding the fighting south of the river Ponauk, in which a Russian detachment had three men killed and two officers and 13 men wounded, say a Japanese troop-laden barge and other boats emerged from the mouth of the Ponauk and attempted to cut off the Russian retreat. The barge was sunk by the Russian guns. Captain Smolenski, who commanded the detachment, was shot of his wounds. Lieutenant Pushkin was the other officer wounded.

The Russian outposts along the river sent a detachment of volunteers in boats on the night of April 21 for the purpose of setting fire to the Japanese pontoons and other bridge material. The boats grounded on a sandbank near the Korean side and drew the fire of the Japanese outposts. There was a sharp fusillade at close range. The position of the boats was highly critical owing to the sudden appearance of a number of light barges filled with Japanese. The intention of the barges was to cut off the retreat of the Russians. This was not noted from the other bank, two miles distant, and two light guns opened fire. A lucky shot sank one of the barges and the others withdrew. The Japanese casualties are not known. The Russians had three men killed and 15 wounded.

Reliable information in the possession of the general staff leads to the belief that the objective of the Japanese campaign does not involve the invasion of the interior of Manchuria with the purpose of overthrowing the main Russian army. If the Japanese ever entertained the hope of accomplishing a task similar to that which Napoleon set himself, present advice indicates that they have abandoned it, and have adopted a much more cautious and less ambitious program. There will be no advance on the army concentrated at Liao Yang and Mukden, with its attendant constant lengthening and weakening of the Japanese line of communications. Instead, there seems to be determination to stick as close as possible to the sea, where the Russian's natural line of communication, the naval establishment here in Korea.

To Prey on Jap Commerce.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The admiralty, it is announced, intends to fit out two ships, purchased from Germany, which formerly were in the transatlantic service, together with a number of ships of the volunteer fleet, with rapid fire guns, and to send them to the Pacific to prey upon Japanese commerce. The admiralty believes that by this means it can prevent the resumption of operations by the Japanese commercial fleet and strike a hard blow against Japan's hope of maintaining her resources for the prosecution of the war.

Czar Refuses Intervention.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—Talk of mediation in the Russo-Japanese war was founded upon the personal desires of King Edward and King Christian of Denmark, to avoid further bloodshed and end the conflict, but the steps in that direction have utterly failed. The emperor with the full concurrence of the imperial family and his advisers, has finally decided not only to reject all proposals looking to intervention, but to prosecute the war with all the resources of the empire until victory crowns Russian arms.

Kuropatkin Succeeds Alekseeff.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—General Kuropatkin, it is believed in the highest military circles here, is destined to become commander-in-chief of all the emperor's forces, both military and naval, in the far east. Admiral Alekseeff may remain there for some time as viceroy, but his role is considered practically ended. He will not be humiliated, but in order to effect harmonious relations a way will be found to secure his elimination.

Vladivostok Fleet in Action.

Tokyo, April 25.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gansu, on the east coast of Korea, 250 miles from Vladivostok, and sank the Goyo Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer of 600 tons.

Fired Volley at Rosters.

Mundana, April 25.—A serious riot is reported to have taken place at the market town of Rosters, near Grosswarden, resulting from a collision between Socialists and Independent parties. While order was being restored by the gendarmes, a Socialist fired a revolver, killing the commander. The gendarmes thereupon fired a volley, killing 23 of the rioters and severely wounding 10. The military were summoned from Grosswarden.

Junior Partner Missing.

New Orleans, April 25.—With the junior partner missing the sugar firm of Harvey & Harvey filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court, with liabilities of \$68,990 and assets of \$51,793. The Morgan State bank, the largest creditor, in whom the firm owes \$26,000, has sugar attached in New Orleans and Chicago to the extent of \$29,777. Harvey, who stood high in society and business circles, fled from the city about 10 days ago.

LOSS TEN MILLIONS.

Business Section of Toronto, Canada, Swept by Flames.

Toronto, Ont., April 24.—Toronto's wholesale business section was swept by a furious fire, and the total loss will reach into the millions.

Local firemen, aided by companies from Montreal, Buffalo and surrounding towns, battled heroically with the flames, and for hours their efforts to stem the racing sea of fire proved unavailing. The fire was discovered at 9 p. m. in a factory in Wellington street, and, fanned by high winds, it spread with great rapidity. It was believed at 11 o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shift in the wind again fanned the flames into a roar and clouds of sparks and burning brands were carried down side streets until three entire blocks were doomed.

The fire burned itself out in Hay street. The total loss will reach fully \$10,000,000.

Mine Disaster in Mexico.

City of Mexico, April 21.—A telegram has reached this city from Pachuca, capital of the state of Hidalgo, about 100 miles northeast of this city, stating that a mine disaster occurred there in which 12 miners lost their lives. From some unknown cause a cable attached to the cage broke, precipitating the cage and its human cargo to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 350 meters. Twelve men, all those in the cage, lost their lives. The accident occurred in the La Blanca mine. All of those who lost their lives were Mexican miners belonging to the poorer class.

Muskets Flood a Mine.

Carbondale, Ill., April 21.—The old Equality coal mine was flooded by muskrats burrowing around the shaft and the bank of the Saline river, and miners had a narrow escape from drowning. The muskrats were at work when the mine was given that water was pouring into the mine. Immediately they crowded into the shaft, and by the time the last man was taken up they were standing in water up to their necks. It is estimated that it will take nearly a week to pump the mine out.

From Breaker to Easel.

Philadelphia, April 25.—John J. Boyle, 18, who for a number of years was a resident of Germantown, has been elected a member of the National Society of Fine Arts of Paris, on account of a painting which was this year exhibited in the salon. Boyle, until he was 12 years old, worked as a breaker boy in the anthracite regions. He fell a victim to spinal trouble and was taken up by a philanthropic citizen of Scranton. This enabled him to develop his latent painting.

Brother-in-Law of Train Suiicide.

Omaha, Neb., April 25.—The body of a man found dead Friday was identified as that of Major James W. David, 74, a government meat inspector and brother-in-law of the late George Francis Train. The man had evidently taken his own life by swallowing strychnine, a vial being found in his hand when the body was discovered. He had lived in Omaha 25 years, was formerly a lawyer of prominence, and served as mayor in the Fortieth Illinois Infantry.

John Bunyan's Warrant.

London, April 25.—The warrant on which John Bunyan was apprehended and placed in jail at Bedford for six months during the reign of Charles II, was sold at auction in London for \$1,625. The warrant, which is signed by 13 justices of the peace, six barons and seven esquires, charged the linker with contempt of law by preaching and teaching otherwise than "according to the liturgy, or practice of the Church of England."

Hearst Files a Complaint.

Washington, April 25.—Congressman William H. Hearst of New York filed with Attorney General Knox a complaint alleging that a combination of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad and the Central Railroad of New Jersey, under a common management, has stifled competition, and petitioned the department of justice to proceed against them under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Failure Followed a Run.

Holbert, Okla., April 25.—The Farmers' and Merchants' National bank has closed its doors. President Bradford says the depositors will be paid in full. The failure was the result of a run, \$25,000 having been withdrawn. The bank had deposits of \$55,000 and loans and overdrafts exceeding \$95,000.

Hunting a Negro.

Evansville, Ind., April 25.—A lastingly assault was made on Mrs. Mary Branda, 74, by a negro, near this city. The negro, on leaving, met the daughter of Mrs. Branda and knocked her down. The marshal at Howell, with 50 to 75 men with bloodhounds, is in pursuit.

Roadbed Reservation Opened.

Washington, April 25.—President Roosevelt signed the bill opening 415,000 acres of the Rosebud Indian reservation in Gregory county, S. D.

Above the Average.

Berlin, April 21.—Official reports say that the condition of winter grains in Prussia on April 15 was a shade above the average.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

RELATING TO AFFAIRS IN THIS AND ADJOINING STATES.

Result of the Republican Primaries Held Throughout the State—Roy Dotly Heated—A Little Romance, Crime and Casuality.

Louisville, Ky., April 25.—As a result of the Republican primaries held throughout Kentucky, former Governor Bradley said that he expected to go into the convention with 1,100 votes. He said he had received telegrams announcing that 500 votes had been instructed for him. He claimed that there was no doubt of his election. The result in Louisville was a complete triumph for the former governor. The effect will be to weaken John W. Yerkes in his race for national commitment because of his association with Bradley, but no effort will be made to defeat him, and it is not thought that Yerkes' supporters will bother Bradley in his candidacy for delegate at large. Leader Charles E. Sapp permitted Bradley's forces to capture all the delegations to the Fifth district Republican convention and also to gain control of the city and county committee. Instructions will be given for former Governor W. O. Bradley for delegate at large to the national Republican convention.

Spirited contests were held in several of the counties.

Town Burned Out.

Bluefield, W. Va., April 22.—The little hamlet of Devon, located on the Norfolk and Western railway, 15 miles east of Williamson, was almost swept out by fire. The buildings destroyed included the only hotel, Hotel Devon. The fire originated from a defective stove in the home of D. H. Hichardson, in which was located two smallpox patients, sons of Mr. Hichardson. Both narrowly escaped burning, owing to the unwillingness of the onlookers to expose themselves to the disease. Only two buildings remain standing, and they are insufficient to accommodate those who lost their homes. As a consequence half of the population is displaced from the railway station. The loss is \$25,000.

West Virginia Democrats.

Charleston, W. Va., April 21.—Stringing scenes marked the session of the Democratic state convention here. A great many Democrats, "free-lancers" and so-called "free-lancers," took occasion to vent criticism upon one another. Delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention were elected as follows: Owen S. McKinney of Fairmont, ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of Elkins, ex-Governor William A. McComb of Charleston and ex-Senator John S. Canfield of Parkersburg. The all-musical Joe Joseph Murphy of Parkersburg, Perry G. Alford of Lewis county, Alex. Matthews of Green River and Senator Robert F. Kidd of Blaine. The delegates are indistinct.

Pistol Duel in a Church.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 25.—A pistol duel caused a congregation of negro worshippers to quickly disperse near Boone Station, Tenn. George White, 25, and Arizon Gohn had trouble over a woman and both pulled pistols and began firing. Gohn fell dead with a bullet through his heart, and a last shot, Jim Gohn, was mortally wounded. Whiteside was shot through one arm, while another bullet, which would have killed him, smashed a whiskey flask which he had in an inside coat pocket. The shooting nearly caused a riot, and Whiteside had no trouble in escaping the scene.

Fifth Kentucky Republicans.

Lexington, Ky., April 25.—The Republicans of the Fifth congressional district of Kentucky named delegates to the national convention and endorsed President Roosevelt. E. A. Wilson and City Attorney Henry L. Stone were selected as delegates to the convention at Chicago, and Frank Hille was nominated as presidential elector. Major H. L. Owens was nominated for congress. The delegates were instructed for Roosevelt.

Man Killed Himself.

St. Louis, Mo., April 25.—In a fit of insanity W. B. Henderson, city clerk and son of Joe Henderson, killed himself through the head. He was committed to the home for the insane, from this city, last election, but his insanity was not noticed.

Gettysburg.

Ky., April 23.—The anchor 2 in 1 of Miss Kath, 20, a student at State College, was killed by a local train. The train was just being started when the accident occurred. The cause of the accident was a defective brake.

Strikers Corralled.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 25.—A wholesale sale capture of striking miners in Carbon county is reported from Price, Utah. Sheriff Wilcox and 40 deputies armed with Winchester's marched up on the camp of the strikers in the canyon. They took the strikers and arrested 120 inmates. The charge against them is robbing an officer. The men were loaded into box cars and taken to the jail at Price. In the strikers' camp were found several guns and revolvers and about half a bushel of knives.

Says He Passed Counterfeit Bills.

St. Louis, April 25.—United States secret service agents arrested Aho Sachs, a Russian, 28, on charge of having passed \$50 and \$100 counterfeit bills in Baltimore. It is alleged that Sachs is a member of a gang the leader of which was recently arrested.

BY TORNADOES.

Buildings Are Levelled and Many Lives Extinguished.

St. Louis, April 25.—Death followed in the wake of wind and rain storms in the west and southwest. John Truchave and child were killed and Mrs. Truchave was fatally hurt in a storm that destroyed their home at Chocoma, I. T. Near Chocoma a young man was blown a quarter of a mile and killed. His name is unknown. His father was blown a long distance but escaped serious injury. An Indian woman and her child were killed by a storm at Tahlequah, I. T.

A tornado ravaged Fairbairn, I. T. Six business blocks were destroyed, killing seven persons outright and injuring a number of others. Three of the injured will die. The dead Mrs. Mary Lassar, Mrs. John Lassar, Arthur Bronght, a child of N. J. Hunk, Eljah Russell, his wife and child. It is estimated that the tornado caused property damage to the extent of \$10,000. Four miles south of here the tornado was even more severe. Farm homes and barns were completely demolished, and farm stock was killed.

Six persons were killed by a tornado which swept through the country about four miles from Pryor Creek, I. T. Reports have been received that a number of others were injured. The names of two are known. The dead: John Abbott, wife and two children; Albert Donly, aged 6; Lucy Donly, 8. The injured: Albert Donly, father, probably fatally; Leopold Donly, both legs broken.

Storms in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., April 25.—A heavy wind and rain storm swept central and western Kentucky, causing a total property loss of nearly \$200,000. So far as known no lives were lost, although tornadoes formed near Paris and Carlisle, Paris, Carlisle, Paducah and Owensboro were the towns that suffered most. Within the city limits of Paris the total damage is estimated at \$30,000, dozens of dwellings, factories, etc., being damaged, and several buildings were completely wrecked. In the country surrounding Paducah and Owensboro hundreds of tobacco barns were demolished.

Battleships vs. Torpedo Boats.

Washington, April 25.—Whether the president shall order the construction of the battleships provided for in the naval appropriation bill, or will limit the war in the far east, demonstrates the comparative utility of the big sea fighter and the torpedo boat or submarine craft, was a question raised in the senate by Mr. Hille of Maine on the adoption of the conference report. It was developed that the language of the bill was permissive and that the president and secretary of the navy could defer action if they deem it advisable. Several other senators considered delay. Mr. Bacon, discussed the matter, replying to the speech of Mr. Dilliver, Ky., devoted the greater portion to the conditions which make it possible for American products to be sold abroad for less price than American consumers are required to pay.

Mississippi Rising.

St. Louis, April 25.—The Mississippi river is rising rapidly here, and preparations to resist a possible flood are being made. The danger line here is 30 feet, and the river registers more than 28 feet. The high water mark in the flood of last year was 35 feet. In that St. Louis, Mo., which suffered so severely from the flood last year, Mayor Silas Cook secured a large force of men and the building of dykes was at once begun. As fast as dykes are built forces of men will be stationed to protect them and keep them in order. So far no damage has been done by the rising tide.

Dog Lost His Life.

Chicago, April 25.—George P. Macklin, of 1921 Jackson boulevard has lost his valuable mastiff because a number of boys in his neighborhood persisted in making a "ghost dog" of him. Night after night the mastiff barked at his head and face with phosphorescent paste and then turn him loose on the streets. So many complaints were made to the police of the "ghost dog" that officers shot the animal. They are now looking for the boys who painted him.

Fined For Contempt.

Indianapolis, April 25.—Henry Crawford, at one-time president and general manager of the Chicago and Southern Railroad company, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 days in the county jail by Judge Leathers of the superior court on a charge of contempt. Crawford had been ordered by the court to produce certain evidence relating to the transfer of the Chicago and Southern railroad to the Big Four. The order was issued Feb. 27. Crawford is believed to be in New York.

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ON MAIN STREET

PITHY ITEMS OF NEWS

ATOMS OF INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Current Events of the Week Systematically Collected From Day to Day in the Briefest Form and Reserved For This Column.

TUESDAY.

Chinese warship Hail Tien went ashore near Shanghai.

Hudson Valley fruit growers lose \$2,000,000 as the result of the extremely cold winter.

Private James Hovers killed and a dozen soldiers injured in a railway wreck near Needles, Cal.

George Holcomb killed and Captain E. Y. Hreese of the New Jersey National Guard injured as a result of an automobile accident near Trenton.

The strike committee at Budapest, Hungary, issued a proclamation to the strikers on the state railroads, instructing them to resume work immediately.

Goods valued at \$15,000 were stolen from the home of Mrs. Paul Calvi, a wealthy widow who is prominent in Brooklyn society. The police began search for a missing lunatic.

MONDAY.

The Steiner Baking company, 20 Lombard, O., suffered a loss of about \$6,000 by fire.

Plumber and electrician and electrician at Columbus, O., for 50 cents a day increase.

Fremont, William Crana and Jacob Little killed and 15 others injured by falling wall while lighting a fire at Newark, N. J.

James Casey, city salesman for a Louisville fishy house, found on the street with a fall crushed. The coroner returned a verdict of murder.

A postman named Johann Pfannkuch, 48, at Neuborn, in Saxony-Coburg, died of heart disease, leaving an American son named Kampff.

Trustee of the Chicago railroad, John A. C. English, of the Cincinnati conference president. He graduated from Berea college, Ohio.

Ed Kelly, a Chicago man, under indictment for leaving a safe in Atwood, Kan., put up a \$2,500 cash bond and was released. Discovered later that the money was counterfeit.

WEDNESDAY.

Hungarian government announces it will endeavor to supply railway strikers with ammunition.

Kentucky court of appeals affirmed the sentence of life imprisonment passed upon James Hreese for his last trial on the charge of murdering William Goebel.

John H. Acello locally hanged at Brookville, Pa., for the murder of Frank Carfa. Carfa was an innocent spectator of a fight and Acello rushed upon him with a knife, stabbing him through the heart.

Frank P. Rose, who was executed at Salt Lake City for the murder of his wife, confessed to other murders, said to be no less than 10. Rose declared he had spent the last 11 years committing crimes varying from robbery to murder.

FRIDAY.

New city directory gives St. Louis a population of 693,675.

David B. Reese, merchant tailor, Columbus, O., committed suicide by shooting. No cause known.

Sixteen Hindu snake charmers and jugglers on the way to the St. Louis exposition arrived at New York.

Murders drew the safe of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, Clay City, Ind. Secured \$5,000 and escaped.

Stevenson Harold, 21, a son of Kate Clinton, the actress, shot and killed himself in his lodgings in New York.

Five hundred employees of the Norfolk and Western shops struck at Portsmouth, O. Demand change of working hours.

Several physicians at Bellevue hospital, New York, contracted tuberculosis from association with patients in the institution.

THURSDAY.

Dispatches report a heavy snowfall and damage to fruit in western Kentucky.

30 years of Evansville, Ind.

Heaviest snowstorm in history layed traffic in the vicinity of Chicago, Ill.

Railway strike in Hungary becomes general. Employees demand an increase of wages.

Fire which devastated the business section of Toronto burned out 250 houses, aggregating \$12,000,000 in damages.

H. R. Hertzberg, dramatic editor of the World, fatally injured by falling nine stories into an area way of the Morton building, New York.

At Chicago the jury in the case of Emil Roeski, the last of the car-barn murders, returned a verdict of guilty. The penalty is imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

WEDNESDAY.

American sailing yacht Scout, owned by Colonel Francis L. Leland of New York, capsized and sank in a squall off San Remo, Italy. The crew escaped.

Dwelling of Jerry Meyers, a miner of Sharon, Pa., destroyed by fire. Mrs. Meyers, her two daughters, one son and two small children perished in the flames.

Hawaiian Republican convention instructed for President Roosevelt, Governor Carter and Jonah K. Kalaniana'ole, delegate to congress, are among the delegates selected.

Sherwood Crooks died from the effects of pistol shot fired by Edward Parks at his home in Muskingum county, O. Mrs. Crooks, who was shot at the same time, is in a critical condition. Parks still at large.

Fatal Freight Wreck.

Kansas City, April 25.—An east-bound freight train on the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe railway was derailed at Floyd, Mo., near here. Two members of the crew were killed and one fatally hurt. Three hundred feet of track had been washed out by a heavy rain that prevailed in this part of the state, and 20 cars went over an embankment. Frank Nelson, fireman, and William Orr, brakeman, were killed, and George Skinner, conductor, was fatally scalded. All were from Minneola, Mo. Nelson's body is still buried beneath the wreckage.

Pledged Not to Seek Divorce.

Cleveland, O., April 20.—Charles Rhodes and Julia Korton were married by a justice of the peace. Prior to the marriage ceremony the couple signed an agreement solemnly pledging themselves to never seek a divorce. The prenuptial agreement was

